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Editorial

Lately AFU has received phone-calls and letters from new, young ufologists who - apparently - believe we are a huge, state-supported library and archives institution. Although flattered by the impression we seem to make on people (we aim to work professionally - in our spare time), we must point out the harsh fact that AFU wouldn't exist without the dedicated spare-time work of three persons. We have tried to attract new recruits to "work under our banner" but the Swedish "video generation" has, seemingly, very little interest in an open-minded search for solid facts about UFO phenomena. Most people seek entertainment. By avoiding publicity we have, at least, avoided the attention from that category. We definitely believe time and money shouldn't be wasted on ufology as an "entertainment business", but that all resources (time, money and ability) should be channeled to research, investigation and above all - documentation.

Monetarily, AFU would be in bad shape without a continued support from an inner core of ufologists. 75-80 paid subscriptions for our newsletter (we have never reached higher) pay the printing costs, but not the postage. Besides that we have rents, electricity, a clipping subscription, magazine subscriptions, new books, bindings, postages for our lending-library and all necessary office equipment, to pay for. But we do not complain - this is a situation we have chosen on our own, and - if necessary- the AFU foundation can be 'reduced' to become a very cheap operation.

I have pointed out these facts, not to awaken the consciousness of some wealthy Arabian oil sheikh (we have none on our mailing list, so far) but to explain the difficulties that may arise in publication of our newsletter during the coming year, or so. To improve our future economical status we have decided that I will spend much time on a special project which, we hope,

will result in something that will put some ease on our future economy. Of necessity, this will mean that the newsletter will be a little bit thinner and maybe one or two months late, but don't worry - we are dedicated to this publication and will continue!

Reactions to our previous issues have been favourable, to say the least. Curiously, the article on UFO Report's Scandinavian fake in AFU 23 has had no reactions at all from the United States (- thus not from the editorial office of UFO Report), but very favourable comments from European researchers. On the other hand, our interview with journalist Jüri Lina - detailing the hardships of a Soviet ufologist - has been (and will be) reprinted by several American publications, while Europe (so far) has not reacted at all to that. If nothing, this illustrates the polarization of our globe!

The UFO Report fake is followed-up, in this issue, by the exposé of another American hoax article, this one published by another publication of questionable reputation, National Enquirer. Serious ufologist may think we are "kicking open doors", but UFO literature abounds with "open doors" not hit by anyone, so we'll keep on knocking! We do not intend to become super-sceptical in our attitude. That's not productive. Maybe the next time we'll even hit the door of the Sceptical Enquirer, who knows?

The NE story highlights the difficulty in correctly judging reports from behind the Iron Curtain. Fortunately our Finnish friends have direct contacts in the USSR and has provided us with a most interesting "landing" report for this issue.

Sometimes ufology is not very far from religion. The piece, in this issue, by Håkan Blomqvist on ex-contactee Benjamin Creme illustrates this connection. Maybe you saw the advertisement by Creme's organization, announcing that "Christ now here". (He should have been here several months ago as I write this...). Creme is an old acquaintance of George Adamski, did you know that?

Historical research could provide valuable clues to ufology. Daniel Cohen's book on the 1896/97 airship wave is reviewed in this issue, particularly in relation to our own research on the 1933/37 ghost flier wave. A status report on that work will give you further details. We had several other articles on the ghost fliers "in store", but couldn't afford to print them in this issue.

Anders Liljegren

Reports

CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN THE ESTONIAN ARCHIPELAGO

Heikki Virtanen

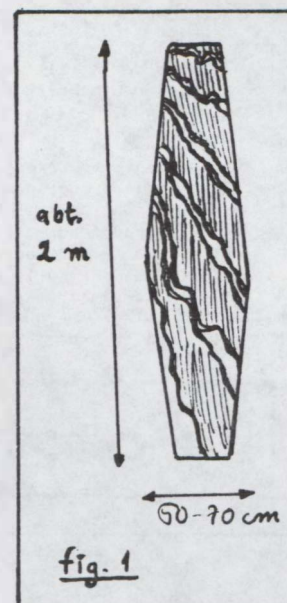
This case has been investigated by Estonian ufologists, who reported the details to a few of their Finnish colleagues during their recent visit to Estonia, one of the Soviet republics. The report was written down in a haste and one or two details may be missing, or were misunderstood. Furthermore, a few details have been left out of the report in order to protect the Estonian witness and the Estonian ufologists.

The observation occurred at about 18.00 hours on a Sunday in August, 1980. The witness, a man, was checking a few instruments in the yard of a factory, which is situated on one of the Estonian islands in the Baltic. He then spotted a singular, colourful object, resting on the ground about 200 metres away. The object was glittering with different colours and the witness's

first thought, naturally, was that it was something forgotten on the ground.

The witness approached the object (fig. 1) and when he had come as close as 30 metres he caught sight of another object beside it. This was a black cube, about half-a-meter tall, on top of which was yet another, but smaller, cube. Attached to this peculiar shape was a sort of "pipe" that was revolving (fig. 2).

The object first sighted (fig. 1) was a cylinder with tapering ends on which streaks of light were moving about. The different-coloured streaks became more drawn-out towards the base of the object. Both the cylinder and the cubes had distinct contours.



Who were these people? Expert mind-manipulators perhaps! Nothing more has been heard from Mr. Creme since the Los Angeles press conference, but we'll keep our antennas up.

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Reviews

TIN SOLDIER HUMANOIDS

Anders Liljegren

Ahmad Jamaludin, editor-publisher of the Malaysian UFO Bulletin, has recently completed A summary of unidentified flying objects and related events in Malaysia (1950-1980). As a record of South-east Asian reports this is an excellent publication. I only wish we could something similar published here in Sweden, but such a project would probably grow to immense proportions!

Jamaludin has done his work single-handedly, without the cooperation of authorities or UFO groups/investigators. It seems there are no other investigators of UFO phenomena in Malaysia. Jamaludin's report analyses 100 UFO reports which he classifies according to 'the Hynek scheme' (NLS, DDs, etc). His sources are mainly the newspapers - indeed a drawback! Surprisingly, almost 50 % of the cases are CE3s (humanoid cases), and no less than 95 % of these are sightings of very tiny, 'tin soldier' humanoids! This category represents a very peculiar pattern in Malaysian ufology which, according to Jamaludin, 'may hold parts of the clue to the enigma'. To emphasize the significance of the 'tin soldier' reports Jamaludin includes, as an appendix, a comparison between UFO entities and traditional Jinn people found in the Islamic Koran. Jamaludin concludes that the two are the same.

Jamaludin's reports may seem unreliable because 32 of the humanoid reports came from school-children and no less than 25 % of the total number of claimed incidents were 'repeaters'. From Jamaludin's point-of-view witness reliability may be insignificant to a study because '...if the phenomenon is subjective in nature these reports are still significant to a psychologist'.

The Jamaludin study is recommended to all students of ufology as an example of what can be done with relatively small means at hand. Jamaludin's interesting theory on UFO waves (pp. 71-81) might motivate your acquisition of this report on its own...

Ahmad Jamaludin: A summary of unidentified flying objects and related events in Malaysia (1950-1980). - The author, Makmal Diagnosa, Veterinary Dept., Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia, Dec. 1981. - 88 pp., ill. - No price stated, we suggest you write the author.

UFO ANNUAL 1981

Håkan Blomqvist

In 1956 the late Morris K. Jessup's The UFO Annual was published. Jessup was unable to follow up on this excellent idea, but now Gray Barker has assumed the responsibility of trying to keep the tradition alive. Gray Barker's UFO Annual 1981 presents a review of 1981 sightings and events. Concentrating on the American scene, there are also cases from other countries.

The most significant UFO sightings, landings, contacts and abductions are given separate chapters. Unfortunately no sources are given. Perhaps this is a minor point but - being a librarian and documentation fanatic - I always get an uneasy feeling when reading a book with no references.

Barker concludes that abductions are on the increase and the Annual reflects this new development with several cases reviewed. I like the idea of an Annual. With the enormous UFO literature output these days an annual overview of the subject is an important contribution to our field.

Gray Barker: Gray Barker's UFO Annual 1981. New York : Global Communications, 1982. - Softcover/quarto size, 68 pp. - \$8.95.

THE UNINVITED GUEST

Håkan Blomqvist

Jacques Vallée describes how, early in his career as astronomer in France, he tracked UFOs on theodolite. The objects were also seen by his scientific colleagues, but instead of trying to find out what the objects were, the 'scientists' simply denied the observations and destroyed the data. Science is not always what scientists do.

The general failure of Western society to deal with the paranormal in a rational way has been thoroughly documented by Hilary Evans in his book Intrusions - society and the paranormal. Paranormal phenomena in regards to society are like the uninvited intruder at a garden-party of wellbred guests. "The uninvited guest...has been ignored, welcomed, tamed, venerated, denied. But he has kept turning up at party after party".

But why this sad state of affairs? How come that society still, in the twentieth century, is unable to come to terms with such phenomena? I think Mr. Evans has come very close to the answer when speaking of "the anguish of rebuilding". If we accept as real the phenomena described in Intrusions, then we are faced with a major existential reorientation. But to change our worldview, not to mention our religious concepts, is difficult if not traumatic.

A Gallup poll revealed that 51 % of the American public believed in UFOs, which according to authorities do not exist. This makes UFOs a very real phenomena from the social and psychological viewpoint. Interviewed in an article this year in the Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet, Mr. Sture Wickerts, official UFO spokesman at the Research Institute of National Defence, regarded UFO witnesses as people in the need of mental care (1). As Mr. Evans rightly concludes, society still has not come to terms with paranormal phenomena.

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ATTITUDES TOWARDS "BIGFEET"

Anders Liljegren

There have been a few recent publications about "Bigfoot", including one new British book (1), which has a catalogue of more than 1.000 such sightings worldwide. From the US comes a booklet by Dennis Pilichis under the title Night siege - the northern Ohio UFO-creature invasion. This is a rather creepy documentation of a disturbing wave of UFO-related bigfoot occurrences in Ohio. Not a scientific report, but more of the emotionally-involved investigation, where the investigators actually had Bigfoot sightings of their own. Reading Night siege is like reading a Western - people take positions on roof-tops, night after night, and as Bigfoot appears - Bang, bang!

People in America obviously live in fear of burglary, violence, murder & rape. Stress and fear easily project on anything that seems even remotely unfriendly or strange. How would you react - if you were a Bigfoot - and were shot at whenever you stuck your nose out? We shouldn't expect "Bigfoot" - or "UFOs" for that matter - to be all-forgiving Intelligences!! Maybe we get the kind of phenomena we deserve!

Maybe the same kind of fear is evidenced in Fortean Times' special report Wildman - Chinas Yeti? Anyway, China is another area where "Bigfeet" have been fired at for ages. But the Chinese do not speculate on Yeti's being paranormal or UFO-related creatures - not at all. Scientific debate concentrates entirely on the possibilities of a surviving ape-like race, we learn.

By contrast, from Russia we learn (in a Swedish weekly journal (2)) about an apparently successful attempt to communicate with a Snowman (actually a 'Snow-woman'). If we are to believe this fantastic story Russian scientists have, for many years, gone out (unarmed!) in the wilderness near the Russian-Chinese border. They have tried to communicate telepathically with the Snowman-race that lives there, and finally Gelyona Siforova, female member of the expedition, managed to attract the attention and friendly contact of a very shy Snow-woman. Now, that's how they should be treated!

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THE ABC OF MIRACLES

Håkan Blomqvist

In the middle of the seventies I did some experiments in what is usually termed distant healing. I once tried my 'powers' on a girl friend of mine. She was not aware of the experiment, being confined to bed about twenty kilometres away in a heavy flu.

In the evening I went through the usual concentration and visualisation exercises and thought no further of the experiment until the next day when my girl-friend called to relate a most peculiar episode. The night before, while in bed, she had become aware of a shining sphere which suddenly appeared in the bedroom. The sphere floated silently towards the bed and entered her body. She felt no fear during the experience and the flu had apparently disappeared the next morning.

Whether I had created the 'UFO' or not is debatable, but it made me keenly interested in the relationship between UFOs and psychic phenomena. An almost duplicate healing episode is related in "Maxine - The Witch Queen" by Maxine Saunders (1). With the combined effort of a group of trained minds some rather spectacular UFOs could possibly be created.

This may be the clue to the UFO experiences related in Stars and rumours of stars by Kevin and Sue McClure. In 1904-05 there was a very strong religious revival in Wales, centered around two outstanding personalities, Mr. Evan Roberts and Mrs. Mary Jones. Wales had evidenced a sequence of earlier revivals, but this one proved to be of a different magnitude, involving something like 100.000 converts to Methodist Christianity. Part of the success must be attributed to the frequently reported paranormal phenomena regarded as "divine guidance" by the devotees. Here we find the whole array of Fortean phenomena: UFOs, apparitions, telepathy, men-in-black -- but in a religious context.

The paranormal phenomena centered on one personality, Mrs. Mary Jones, 35, "the seeress of Egryn", a farmer's wife living in northern Wales. Wherever she went lights in the sky were reported. Local churchgoers and journalists from all over the country witnessed these balls of light.

Mrs. Jones claimed they were heaven-sent and connected with the revival. From a ufological standpoint one of the more interesting reports was published in a Society for Psychical Research Proceedings: On a dark night in December 1905 a man on his way home from work noticed a bright light approaching. It came downwards and stood before him, about the size of a man's body. In the light there appeared a robed figure with wings and nail-marks in the palms of the hands. The light silently ascends and disappears in the night sky.

This apparition is, in my view, a schoolbook example of a mind creation, a religious wish-fulfillment. The authors conclude: "Any effect springs, it seems, from the consciousness of the individual". All over Wales people were engaged in meetings, described by one observer as "a tornado of prayer". All this concentrated mental and emotional energy was channeled in one direction - faith in the christian religion.

"Religion is perhaps the most powerful channel for natural psychokinesis, magic, miracles, or whatever one may call it, open to the western world". Kevin and Sue McClure are to be commended for their excellent archives work and effort to document the link between folklore and contactee ufology.

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MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIPS AND AEROPLANES

Anders Liljegren

"There is not a single airship story that anyone can point to and say this cannot have been an error or a hoax...And yet...I admit that I am not always entirely comfortable with (my conclusions). After reading hundreds of airship stories I am nagged by the feeling that all of these people could not have been mistaken or lying".

These sentences sum up, I think, the first-book-ever entirely devoted to the North American airship phenomena of 1896/97. There are other manuscripts, on this particular phase of phenomena, in the process of possible future publication and let's hope they arrive (1), because Daniel Cohen's *The Great Airship Mystery* is not the definitive study of the airship wave.

Cohen presents the more famous tales in an orderly and intelligent fashion, but he is too much of a conventionalist to be able to form a 'rational' approach to this phenomenon. Well, to be honest, there is no 'rationality' that could account for the airship stories except 'paranormal phenomena' (by most considered an irrational and illegal theory) and Cohen, on the very last pages of the book, rejects that possibility. From that standpoint, according to Cohen, the airship mystery "still represent an important sociopsychological development". On that one can agree, if nothing else. Airship stories should be collected and studied but Cohen has not done anything original. The Cohen study is a conservative down-to-earth version of what has already been published by different other sources.

The main problem with the airship wave is the unreliability of newspapers at the time. Absurd stories appear (as with modern UFOs) but there is no way to distinguish whether this absurdity was 1) with the phenomenon itself, or 2) sprang from the imaginative minds of combating news editors, or humorous hoaxers. In this sense the 1896/97 wave differs from the 1933/37 Scandinavian ghost flier reports which I have studied, and where there is now reliable witness testimony available in the form of direct police and military interrogation reports which support contemporary news articles. The 1933/37 wave is, by the way, totally disregarded by Cohen - not even Keel's articles and books are mentioned or referenced (2) - which is just one sign of the lacking depth of the study.

Parallels between the airship and ghost flier waves become apparent when reading Cohen's book:

- o Both became subjects of intense newspaper coverage and debate. In Sweden right-wing papers promoted the reports (spear-headed by Umebladet, the newspaper that published the very first report on Dec 12, 1933) while the left-wing papers tried to debunk the issue, particularly after the Soviets became prime suspects in early January 1934.
- o Sightings were generally of nocturnal lights, which lessen validity, but there were also dozens of clear-cut close range sightings in 1933/37.
- o Geographical spread of the reports was similar to the airships: a (generally) west-to-east motion that ended in widely separated simultaneous sightings which, if taken at face value, could only mean there were several aeroplanes/airships operating (Cohen, p. 164). There were even sightings where several vehicles were seen at the same time.

The explanation gap these 'waves' offer, some researchers try to bridge by citing faint and shortlived glimpses of successes from aero-historical literature (3). When doing so they are forgetting the immense problem of supporting month-long and widespread aerial operations in unknown

Mystiskt flygplan i fjällen.

**Fantastisk historia från
Sorsele.**

**Kom till samma plats uppe på fjället
varje kväll en hel vecka.**

**När kronojägaren Gunnar Ågren i
Sorsele härom dagen återvände fr
en längre tjänsteresa i Juktådalen b
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The very first article in the Swedish press, headlined: "Mysterious aeroplane in the mountains" (from Umebladet, Dec. 12, 1933).

territories. With the aid of extreme luck rich and ingenious people could perhaps criss-cross countries week after week in one/several new-built craft without a single serious mishap or crash, when other (contemporary) aviators fail even with relatively 'small' tasks. That chance seems, however, so extremely small as to be almost non-existent. And chances seem even smaller when such successful aviators later fail to identify themselves to take historical credit for their feats. The 'arguments' of believers in the secret inventor theory - Cohen is not one of them - has been effectively shattered by aviation historians as Don Berliner (4).

In July 1897, a few months after the peak-period of airship activity, Swedish aviator Andréé attempted a flight to the North Pole with his aerial balloon. The ill-fated journey ended on the polar ice where Andréé and his two colleagues froze to death (5), not to be found until 33 years later. Even today duplicating the balloon and its voyage for a documentary film (6) posed severe problems. Says film director Jan Troell:

- Working on this film I soon developed a great admiration for Andréé's way of organizing his work. We had a hell of a work to get everything working properly. Andréé was very well-prepared in all minute details, but the weakness of his theory was that one couldn't steer his balloon.

History definitely shows that steerable airships were thought about in 1897 but not yet successfully constructed.

In Jules Verne's 1886 science fiction novel *Robur le conquérant* (8), a secretive inventor (Robur) has developed a heavier-than-air airship driven by propellers. Two debunkers of heavier-than-air aviation are abducted by Robur and taken on a world-wide tour. While on board they still doubt their own eyes:

- I can barely believe it, says Phil Evans.
- Then do not believe in it! answered Uncle Prudent. (9)

Returning to the US, the two unbelievers still maintain their stubborn disbelief and go back to their own construction of a gigantic & clumsy lighter-than-air balloon.

The charming Verne story has implications for students of airship, ghost flier & UFO lore. Uncle Prudent's line of reasoning is followed by many of today's sceptics, including Cohen. They can't be, therefore they aren't.

Finally, let me comment on a few (minor) faults in Cohen's book. The discovery of the remains of the Andrée expedition was not in 1939 but in 1930 (page 154). The South African airship-wave (p. 178) occurred not in 1913, but in 1914 (10). Cohen's mention of the 1290 Byland Abbey 'incident', without recognizing it as a hoax, outweighs (perhaps) his own criticism of other researchers/authors (e.g. page 113) when they have failed to admit hoaxes. Ufology is a very wide area of study and it is simply impossible for a single researcher to know everything published in the field. Therefore each author ought to consult colleagues before having anything put in print. Correctness is a rule we should strive for. In Scandinavia, Archives for UFO Research is offering authors a service where their manuscripts could be checked against contemporary literature and knowledge. We much rather criticize before publication than after!

Cohen's book is well worth reading by anyone who would like a basic knowledge of the 1896/97 wave, but to save your time you could just as well read David Jacob's 30-pages-chapter on the theme and still get the general picture (11).

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From the past

THE GHOST FLIERS OF THE 1930s

- A STATUS REPORT (MAY 1982)

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In four Flying Saucer Review articles John A. Keel presented, in 1970-71, the interesting phenomena of the 1930s which we in Scandinavia labeled *spökflygarna*, 'the ghost fliers' (1). An abridged version of the same material appears in one of Keel's books (2).

Keel's presentation was largely based on newspaper translations he had received from Swedish researchers, particularly Ake Franzén who had spent many days and hours at the Royal Library of Stockholm reading and copying (by hand!) Swedish newspaper articles. The Franzén file had one serious flaw - he didn't always include the specific sources used! Despite one or two mistakes, and taking into account the difficulty in judging newspaper reports from a foreign country, the Keel articles were basically correct in their presentation of the phenomenon, although there are many other points where Keel is obviously wrong (3). One might, of course, discuss Keel's theories regarding the origin of these phenomena, but this is not the point of this paper, and it must be said that Keel rendered 'ufology' a great service by pointing to the existence of this previously almost forgotten wave of unidentified flying objects' reports!

'NO OFFICIAL RECORDS'...

Keel visited Sweden in 1976 to investigate the matter further: "At that time the Defence Department in Stockholm assured me that no records of the 1930's investigations existed", he writes (4).

In May 1973 I had met and interviewed Ake Franzén about his interests (5). Franzén is a keen investigator of the strange who, besides providing the base material for Keel's ghost flier articles, had visited the United States in 1969 to meet Keel and also spend several weeks in West Virginia, where he followed-up on Keel's reports of 'Mothmen'. He confirmed to us all the basic details of Keel's account on that particular phenomena.

In the early 70s I had done some research on the 1946 'ghost rockets' over Sweden. About a dozen newspapers were culled for reports, and I searched through the archives of the Swedish news bureau TT (Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå). (6) Finding historical UFO research an interesting field, I asked Franzén if I could borrow the notebooks he had not sent to the US. Franzén's notes were mainly from four Swedish newspapers (7).

The newspaper reports made frequent references to serious police and military investigations of the mysterious flights. In 1977 I wrote wellknown Swedish aviation historian Nils Söderberg about the possibility of locating records on these investigations. Söderberg is the chairman of the Swedish Aviation Historical Society and considered as one of the foremost authorities on early aviation. (He was recently portrayed in a Swedish TV documentary as 'the father of the Swedish Air Force'). Söderberg thought the topic was worthy of investigation and he suggested that documents might be found at the War Archives in Stockholm.

THE DOCUMENTS LOCATED

In August 1977 I received a reply from the then war archivist Bertil Broomé where he confirmed that there were four boxes of SECRET documents labeled 'Spökflygaren' - the ghost flier - within a large series of documents from the Military Command of Upper Norrland. The documents were dated 1934 (three boxes)

and 1937 (one box). To view these reports permission had to be granted by the Swedish Secretary of War.

I wrote the Secretary and stated emphatically that the documents were to be used for a serious, documentary report on the claimed aerial sightings. On Sept 1, 1977, I received an authorization to view the documents from the then Secretary of War, Mr. Erik Krönmark. One of the conditions for seeing the file was that I should not publish any details without an express permission from the Swedish High Command. (The Command had been asked for their opinion by the Secretary).

'Ufology' is, to me, a vacation-and-spare time occupation and it wasn't until September 1978 that I could find an opportunity to take a look at the documents. I signed in at the War Archives, where many confidential documents are stored. Quite a lot of suspicion and bureaucracy surrounds the researcher here, but also a friendly & helpful atmosphere towards a newcomer interested in such novel and unusual matters as 'ghost fliers'!! I was handed four boxes of folio format papers - a heavy file of about 1.000 pages that took me two full days to go through. Probably noone had taken an interest in those reports for 45 years!

DESCRIPTION OF THE FILES

The files consist of reports & analyses performed at, or by order from, the Military Command of Upper Norrland. About 25 % is routine military 'padding' - reports on actions taken, sent to the supreme high quarters & the government in Stockholm. A land-based search-and-reconnaissance action - supported by planes from the Swedish Air Force - was ordered. Police forces and customs offices (both governed by the civilian Country Government Board, 'Länsstyrelsen') were requested to co-operate both on systematic night-watches (a few phenomena were seen during those ordered observations), and in questioning witnesses among the public.

Every significant sighting was to be reported and investigated on-the-spot, either by the police (most often) or by the military. These interrogation records form the basic - say 75 % - part of the file. Investigations were so-

metimes meticulous. In many instances solutions were found to the mysteries (planets & stars; viewing the ambulance plane, or some known aviator; prank balloons; car headlights, and even some hoaxes), but in a great many cases no answer was found. Official investigation reports often substantiate claims written about in the newspapers. Interrogation protocols are sometimes accompanied by detailed maps and affidavits signed by witnesses.

Serious attempts at finding patterns among the reports are found. Every sighting was pinpointed with time-of-observation and direction-of-flight on maps. In its actions the Swedish military had frequent contacts with civilian authorities (police & customs) and with the military forces of Norway and Finland. Interception of radio traffic was ordered and special radio-reconnaissance units transferred from the south of Sweden. Military attachés in neighbouring countries were ordered to collect as much information as possible. Possible motives for the aerial raids were analyzed and certain conclusions drawn. In a 17-page SECRET memo to the Swedish government (the Secretary of War) general P. Reuterswärd makes it no secret that he believes the Russians were to be blamed! (Dated April 28, 1934).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ESSENTIAL

Any evaluation of the ghost flier file, however, must be made in reference to the kind of society where the phenomenon occurred. You have to know the prevailing opinions among the public, among the military and among politicians. You should get acquainted with the state-of-the-art of flying, and you ought to know the ways newspaper editors operated and 'treated' the witness' stories & other information they received.

Therefore, a study of the official papers just isn't enough. In 1978-80 I assembled a rather extensive file of thousands of clippings about the phenomena and other, seemingly relevant, information. In searching newspapers I took note of everything that could create a picture of the times: political discussions, editorials, occurrences in Europe & the rest of the world (it was indeed a rough period!), aviation, rearmament trends in the world, espionage, weather, strange disappearances, Fortean phenomena & many other things. This

Headline and drawing of politicians who took part in the Swedish parliamentary debate on the 1934 ghost fliers. (Reproduced from Dagens Nyheter, February 3, 1934). From left to right: Hilding Hagberg (communist leader), Per-Albin Hansson (prime minister, social democratic party), Arvid Lindman (right wing leader) and Karl Kilbom (socialist party).

Spökflygningarna ej till fullo konstaterade.



HR HAGBERG STATSMINISTER HANSSON HR LINDMAN HR KILBOM

material has resulted in hundreds of leads to different sources. Some of these leads have been explored, others will be.

A WELLKNOWN MYTH

The newscipping file now has thousands of carefully refereced copies from about a dozen Swedish newspapers (8). Others will be searched. Care is taken to sample papers from different parts of the country, small papers as well as the major ones, and newspapers of different political shadings. The ghost fliers were openly used for political propaganda. The right wing press generally wrote up the incidents and blamed the Russians, while the left wing tended towards scepticism, or blaming the Germans. The press debate on the ghost fliers is a story in itself, displaying many serious as well as humorous aspects.

The ghost fliers became a wellknown 'social fact'. They were used in advertising for shoes and department stores. An American motion picture was quickly re-named 'The Ghost Flier', when shown at a Stockholm cinema, although there was nothing in the film that alluded to the on-going phenomenon. There were debates in the Swedish parliament, carefully shorthanded and still available for anyone to read. Four children's books, during the 1934-49 period, were named after the phenomenon. The phenomenon evidently had a very great influence on the Defence Commission, which in 1936 decided to strengthen the Swedish Air Force.

In 1980 I visited the parts of Sweden where the reports started. Almost anyone I talked to knew about the ghost fliers, but I was very disappointed to learn that noone I talked to knew direct witnesses! It seems that the ghost flier is deeply embedded in the north-Swedish 'soul' but that it is very difficult to locate witnesses when 45-50 years have passed since the incidents.

Continuing the probe in October 1979, I sent copies of selected documents, found in the War Archives, to the High Command ('Överbefälhavaren'), and in a lengthy statement I requested permission to publish all the data I had found. In a short statement from the Security department of the High Command (Nov 6, 1979)

I was authorized to use all documents in publishing. Since early 1980 the ghost flier project has, unfortunately, had to be dormant for about two years since I have been overloaded with work being responsible for the installation of a new computer at my place-of-work.

PROJECT TO BE CONTINUED

The project will now be continued and I am seeking the cooperation of any researcher interested in this particular aspect. Unfortunately, since the available material is so voluminous I find it impossible - at the present - to translate very much into English. I will now concentrate on 1) finding the best sources, 2) checking leads, 3) cross-indexing, 4) writing a Swedish manuscript and finally, 5) seeing to that the material will be translated into English. Selected parts of our documents & clipping file will be 'leaked' in the AFU Newsletter, however.

If you feel you have important information concerning:

- o mysterious airplanes sighted in the 1930s, anywhere in the world,
- o aviation in the 1930s, performance data of contemporary aircraft,
- o espionage, smugglers, political discussions or any other relevant sociological fact(s) that could throw light on the aerial raids,
- o mysterious 'decoy' objects observed at any-time, anywhere,
- o UFO reports in the 1930s.

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Contributors will receive free issues of our AFU Newsletter and will be updated on the progress of this project, as far as I can manage.

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Magazines

The APRO Bulletin, vol. 30, no. 1, Feb. 1982. APRO is now in its 31st year of existence. The Bulletin has been published continuously since 1952, an effort to be admired in our field! - "Humanoids in the Dominican Republic" by Leonte N. Objio and Richard W. Heiden presents a series of CE III cases, some of which of very high strangeness, e.g. the Sept 1972 encounter with 'ufonaut' Freddy Miller, who claimed to have been rescued from drowning by UFO-beings. The APRO Bulletin, APRO, 3910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712, USA. Monthly, \$18.00/year, overseas. (HB)

Creature Chronicles, no. 4, autumn 1981. Ohio has always been a hotbed for UFO activity, and several research groups exist in the area. Creature Chronicles is published by The Hominid Research Group which is a division of the Ohio UFO Investigators League. No. 4 relates a journey to the Mt. St. Helens area in Washington, where several Bigfoot encounters have been reported. News and comments on the strange creatures that roam our (not Scandinavia's as far as we know, though - Editor) landscape. Creature Chronicles, Hominid Research Group, P.O.Box 12049A, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212, USA. 4 issues - \$8.00 foreign. (HB)

Earthlink, no. 11, March 1982. Earthlink continues as a well-informed UFO news magazine, covering all aspects of the enigma. It's a joy to read. - "Twenty-five Questions on Vanguard Ufology: part 2". In the second part of the interview with Spanish ufologist Ignacio Darnaude Rojas-Marcos we learn that Mr. Rojas-Marcos consider contactees and their messages as a sort of divine conspiracy. Contactees are chosen because of their lack of education and social standing. In this way the messages will not produce a shock to the status quo of society but the pearls in the messages will only reach "the salt of the earth". This plan produces a moderate but sure social impact, according to Mr. Rojas-Marcos. Earthlink magazine, 16 Raydons Road, Dagenham, Essex RM9 5JR, England. 4 issues/year, £4.00/\$9.00 overseas. (HB)

Forteana, nr. 14, 1982. This Danish magazine has resurrected with a new editor, Helle Henneberg. Besides her UFO interest Ms Henneberg credits her background with participation in black masses and a continuing fight for matriarchy. Former editor Peter Juhl Svendsen resigned partly because of a fight with a satanic Rosicrucian group!! The editorial policy of the new Forteana will naturally reflect Ms Henneberg's experiences, which is clearly evident in this first issue. - In 1980 Mendico Books, Los Angeles, published "The Virgin and the Spacemen" by Hadley Roberts. The book is based on an article from "Intermental Bulletin", vol. 15, no. 4, 1979, pp 448-557, by a Dr. Hans O. Hansen. This article presents the experiences of a Danish woman, Ellen H., who in May 1979 was found in a dazed or drugged condition. She relates how she had been kidnapped, drugged and raped aboard a flying saucer. Her assailants were muscular, bronze-skinned and had long golden hair. Our expert mind-manipulators from somewhere have obviously struck again. - "De Astrologiske Aspekttegn Som Hemmelig Symbolik for Coitus-stillinger" by Frater Saturni. Purports to be a secret document on sexual magic. Forteana has become a broad subject Indeed! Forteana, Skandinaviske Fort Organisation, Skindergade 19, DK-1159 København K, D.kr 15.00/issue. No subscription price stated. (HB)

Journal für UFO-Forschung, vol. 3, nr. 3, May/June 1982. One of the sanest German publications, published by Gemeinschaft zur Erforschung Unbekannter Phänomene (GEP). - "Deutsche Flugkreisel - gab's die?" Research into the legend of German wartime nazi-saucers shows many contradictions and impossibilities. Interesting source-list on the subject. Dieter von Reeken continues his valuable bibliography of German literature, now the 1981 publications. Roland Gehardt has written to German politicians regarding UFOs and received a bunch of meaningless statements, but what else could one expect? Journal für UFO-Forschung, GEP, Postfach 2381, D-5880 Lüdenscheid 1, West Germany. 6 issues/year, DM 18.-- (AL)

The Journal of Borderland Research, vol. 38, no. 2, March-April 1982. Another oldtimer in the field. Fascinating and controversial, the BSRF Journal is a gold mine of information and a must for all non-conformists. Vol. 38:2 is named Interplanetary Issue with reprints of "Venusians Walk Our Streets" by Paul M. West and "Why I believe in the Reality of the Spacecraft" by Wilbert B. Smith. "The Andreasson Affair" reviewed with clips, quotes and comments by editor Riley Crabb. Your favorite paradigm may not be the theosophy and Western mystery tradition of Mr. Crabb, but the magazine is a stimulating intellectual adventure. The Journal of Borderland Research, BSRF, P.O. Box 549, Vista, Calif. 92083, USA. 6 issues/year - \$15.00 foreign. (HB)

UFO, vol. 1, nr. 1, 1982. Ufologists have great difficulties in agreeing, even on basic questions such as the necessity (or not) of exploring borderland aspects of UFO phenomena, or whether to concentrate on research or information-towards-the-public. In Scandinavia, as elsewhere, organizations multiply by division. In Norway a number of research-oriented members of Norsk UFO Center (NUFOC) broke out and formed NIVFO (Norwegian Institute for Scientific Research and Information), while the remaining part of NUFOC joined hands with Knut Aasheim's more contactee/ET-oriented group and became UFO-Norge, which is now publishing the first issue of a new magazine, simply called: UFO. - The first issue presents an interesting series of photographs by member Arne Thomassen, and the first installment about "The Hessdalen wave" (hundreds of witnesses in a small area), where even the Norwegian military and TV-network were forced to step in. Judging

from this issue Norwegian ufologists have retracted to the stone-age method of throwing mud and stones at each other. UFO, UFO-Norge, Postboks 1155, N-5001 Bergen, Norway. N.kr. 80.-- for 5 issues. (Replaces UFO-Norge Nytt, Rapportnytt and Internt UFO Forum).

UFO-Aspect, Danish UFO Report, no. 1, Summer 1981. This new English-language magazine is published by the Danish group FUFOS (Free UFO Study). Founded in 1968 the organization now claims in excess of 4.000 members which is quite remarkable for such a small country. FUFOS is very publicity-minded and undertakes a vast amount of lecturing and information work. Constantly expanding, they now feel the time is ripe for an English version of their magazine. - "Humanoid in Sweden" by John la Fontaine is the strange story of a crashed saucer and dying humanoid in the north of Sweden, in 1955. Before he dies the ufonaut asks the witnesses to put his body in a bag and carry it to the river. The sulphur-smelling bag with the stranger quickly dissolves in the water. (There is no Swedish confirmation of this 'case' - Editor). - "The Experience of Ashley Clack" was told to FUFOS chairman Steen Landsy during a trip to London and has never been published before, although the incident happened in 1971. During a nightly psychic vigil on a hill, Mr Clack observes a UFO and occupant. The dreamlike quality of the experience is indicated by the disappearance of a large oak tree seen in the night but gone the next morning.. UFO-Aspect, Danish UFO Report, FUFOS, Bragesgade 26 D, 3, DK-2200 Copenhagen N, Denmark. 2 issues/year, no price stated, probably exchange only. (HB)

UFO Newscipping Service, no. 154, May 1982. Twenty pages of UFO and Fortean newscippings published monthly by editors Lucius Farish & Rod Dyke. Covering mainly the American scene but also some translations. An excellent service for all ufologists. UFO Newscipping Service, Lucius Farish, Route 1, Box 220, Plummerville, Arkansas 72127, USA. Monthly. No price stated. (HB)

UFO Research Australia Newsletter, vol. 3, no. 2, March-April 1982. Glossy and professionally printed this magazine continues to present a somewhat conservative but good coverage of the Australian UFO scene. - "The Federal Hypothesis" by William H. Spaulding speculates that early CIA involvement in ufology was meant not to suppress but to promote interest in UFOs. The object was to shape 'saucer belief' according to CIA's own goals and benefit. A sort of conspiracy to divert a conspiracy. Perhaps we should rename UFOs the Chinese box phenomenon? - "The UFO Phenomena and Its Investigation by UFO Groups Within Australia" by Keith Basterfield. A short history of UFO groups and close encounter cases in Australia. Vladimir Godic, editor, UFORAN, P.O.Box 229, Prospect, South Australia 5082. 6 issues/year, Austr-\$12.00 foreign. (HB)

UFO Review, no. 12, 1982. 'The official flying saucer newspaper' (..official in what way? - Editor) edited by Timothy Green Beckley. - "The Shocking Facts Behind the Philadelphia Experiment and the Roswell Incident", an interview with author William L. Moore. After years of investigative work Mr. Moore has finally uncovered what happened in Philadelphia in 1943. A Navy experiment with long wave radar went haywire as the electromagnetic waves interfered with, and altered, the brain waves of the crew. There was loss of image vision, hypnotic- and hallucinatory effects. The teleportation was only a mental effect and not a real incident. Ufology is in dire need of detectives like Mr. Moore. - Forgive the hybris in mentioning my own (HB) small effort in UFO detective work, now reprinted in UFO Review, retitled "Swedish UFO Mystery Deepens". The publication of this men-in-black case was not popular with the witnesses involved, but I still think all aspects of the UFO mystery should be documented and published (- this is the editorial policy of AFU Newsletter - Editor). - "Chasing the Flying Saucers", Gray Barker's regular column gives the personal dimension to the UFO mystery. A good antidote to dry scientific reports. UFO Review, 303 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1306, New York, N.Y. 10016, USA. 6 issues - \$5.50 (USA).(HB)

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In a series of three articles National Enquirer recently described, what is purported to be, new Soviet UFO cases. We do know that UFOs are frequently seen in Soviet territory - one such report, which has the flavour of an original and trustworthy incident, appears in this issue of AFU Newsletter - but as regards the new Enquirer series we immediately became suspicious!

The third article in the series, titled Space aliens blast holes in windows (3) concerns a Aug 23, 1981 series of observations from Moscow, which bears some resemblance to the June 14, 1980 sightings from the same city, readily identified by researchers as the launching of Cosmos-1188 from the Soviet base at Plesetsk (4).

Space alien blasts forest rangers with a bizarre ray describes an incident which is, in minute details, similar to the Finnish so-called "Imjärvi" case, wellknown to international ufology through the Flying Saucer Review articles (5) and supplementary information in our newsletter (6). Similarities between the

A special Soviet commission investigating UFO sightings in the USSR mentioned two Russian forced reporters who reported a terrifying encounter with an alien creature who landed in a Soviet craft. Here, in the second part of an exclusive ENQUIRER series, Dr. Vladimir Adzhuba, an astronomer who headed the special commission, reveals for the first time the dramatic story of the reporters' incredible confrontation with a hostile humanoid.

By HENRY GRIS and CHARLES PARNITER

The two Russian bomber handlers were sitting over the snowy slopes when they caught sight of something that stunned them: a bright red pulsating glow was dropping silently from the sky.

"When it was just 20 to 30 feet away from the red mist started a very loud roar that reached a very high tone and a sharp metallic whistling, resembling of the air. It was round, with the red pulsing beam, and it emitted a high-toned hum."

The crew could apprehend a rocket, but landing or hovering could not be seen. After the object touched the ground, the daily crew were mistaken by a Russian that it was a rocket.

The raider, an SA-11, SA-12, SA-13, SA-14, SA-15, SA-16, SA-17, SA-18, SA-19, SA-20, SA-21, SA-22, SA-23, SA-24, SA-25, SA-26, SA-27, SA-28, SA-29, SA-30, SA-31, SA-32, SA-33, SA-34, SA-35, SA-36, SA-37, SA-38, SA-39, SA-40, SA-41, SA-42, SA-43, SA-44, SA-45, SA-46, SA-47, SA-48, SA-49, SA-50, SA-51, SA-52, SA-53, SA-54, SA-55, SA-56, SA-57, SA-58, SA-59, SA-60, SA-61, SA-62, SA-63, SA-64, SA-65, SA-66, SA-67, SA-68, SA-69, SA-70, SA-71, SA-72, SA-73, SA-74, SA-75, SA-76, SA-77, SA-78, SA-79, SA-80, SA-81, SA-82, SA-83, SA-84, SA-85, SA-86, SA-87, SA-88, SA-89, SA-90, SA-91, SA-92, SA-93, SA-94, SA-95, SA-96, SA-97, SA-98, SA-99, SA-100, SA-101, SA-102, SA-103, SA-104, SA-105, SA-106, SA-107, SA-108, SA-109, SA-110, SA-111, SA-112, SA-113, SA-114, SA-115, SA-116, SA-117, SA-118, SA-119, SA-120, SA-121, SA-122, SA-123, SA-124, SA-125, SA-126, SA-127, SA-128, SA-129, SA-130, SA-131, SA-132, SA-133, SA-134, SA-135, SA-136, SA-137, SA-138, SA-139, SA-140, SA-141, SA-142, SA-143, SA-144, 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Two years ago the late Sen. Edward Brooke, R-R.I., was a vocal critic of the U.S. approach to the USSR. He was, however, a prominent anti-communist, so that his criticism was taken seriously.

Although the official report of the crash has been approved by the Board, Dr. Adelman has agreed to review it. The EMPLOYEE is one of the remaining men under by the committee before the government's action.

These days, every almost-identical-looking aircraft is a different bird. There are no more standard patterns. Each aircraft is a different bird. The world is a much more complex place, and the world of aviation is no exception. The world of aviation is a much more complex place, and the world of aviation is no exception. The world of aviation is a much more complex place, and the world of aviation is no exception.



two 'cases' (we must say we do not endorse any of them...) are so apparent that one must ask oneself: Is this new Russian case just a rewritten version of the old classic Finnish original? Has 'the truth' been tampered with, somewhere along the line, or could details be so similar...?

I think the similarities are best shown by comparing the Enquirer's text with that from one of the FSR articles (7):

NE; "The two Russian forest rangers were skiing over the snowy slopes when they caught sight of something that stunned them: a bright red pulsating cloud was drooping slowly from the sky. When it was less than 20 feet away from them the red mist melted away and the men saw a metallic object hovering in the air. It was round with no visible seams, and it emitted a loud ominous hum".

FSR: "The two witnesses were out skiing. They were descending from a hill...they heard a buzzing sound...(which) became louder...(They saw) a luminous cloud...like a red-grey mist pulsating with a strange light. The cloud was soon as low as 15 metres...inside it a round object...metallic-like.. the sound became louder...the red-grey mist slowly disappeared".

ME: "As they gazed openmouthed, a cylindrical landing gear lowered itself from the 20-foot sphere until it touched the ground. Suddenly they were confronted by a creature that was like nothing on Earth. The rangers, Ari Sarvi, 36 and Mauno Erkkö, 38, were later interviewed by Dr. Vladimir Azhazha... Recalling Sarvi's account of the incredible confrontation on Jan 7, 1980, Dr. Azhazha said: "The humanoid was about three feet tall, with spindly arms and legs and a waxen face""

FSR: "The incident occurred on..January 7, 1970...
the two witnesses were forester Aarno Heinonen, 36
years of age and farmer Esko Viljo, 38...I caught
sight of the creature...(it) was about 90 cms tall,
with very thin arms and legs. Its face was pale
like wax."

NE: "He was wearing a dark green tight body stocking and the same colour boots. He had on long white gloves reaching to his elbows. His thin hands seemed to be just skin and bones. A black object, like a stubby tube was dangling from his scrawny neck. Erkkö told Dr. Azhazha that the creature's skin was deathly pale,

almost luminous, and that he had a sharp hooked nose, big pointy ears, narrow sloping shoulders and child-like hands. The encounter...took place in northwestern Russia, outside the lumber center of Kestenga close to the Finnish border".

FSR: "...the nose was very strange. It was a hook rather than a nose. The ears were very small, and narrowed towards the head. The creature wore some kind of overall in light green material. On its feet were boots of a darker green colour...also white gauntlets going up to the elbows...and the fingers were bent around (a) black box. The creature...was luminous like phosphorus, but its face was very pale. Its shoulders were very thin and slanting, with thin arms like those of a child."

NE: "The two men are not certain about what happened just after they spotted the humanoid...It's possible that Sarvi pointed his ski pole at the creature. The humanoid, perhaps reacting defensively, aimed the stubby barrel...at the two rangers and a blinding, pulsating beam shout out, dazing them..."

FSR: "...the creature turned the opening in the box towards Heinonen. The pulsating light was very bright, almost blinding".

NE: "After several terrifying minutes, the men regained their vision and saw that the metal sphere was again enveloped in a red mist. There was no sign of the alien creature. Then the haze lifted and the UFO also vanished..."

FSR: "While the creature was standing in the light-beam a thick red-grey mist descended from the object...At last it became so thick they could not see the creature...the mist was "thrown apart" and above us the air was empty".

NE: "Sarvi was weak, cold and paralyzed on his entire right side Erko ran off to get help, borrowed a horse and sleigh from a nearby farm and took Sarvi to his home. En route, Sarvi began hallucinating, then passed out. When he regained consciousness he complained about fever, aches all over his body, and he began to vomit. Four weeks later he was still suffering from headaches, nightmares and poor appetite, Dr. Azhazha said".

FSR: "...Heinonen felt that his right side had become insensitive, and when taking a step forward.. he fell to the ground...Viljo helped him...He had pains in his back...a headache and after a while he vomited...He felt cold but had no fever. In the middle of May he told us..I am still sick, I have a headache and I have pains..."

NE: "Erko, meanwhile, complained of arm and chest pains, swollen eyes and had trouble with his sense of balance. A local physician who treated the men, Dr. Oile Kossola, said their symptoms could have been caused by shock - or by radiation poisoning. "The doctor was convinced both men were telling the truth", Dr. Azhazha said. "And after sifting through the evidence for three weeks, the (Soviet) special commission on UFOs concluded that the encounter did take place".

FSR: "Esko Viljos...face became swollen and reddish in colour, and he walked in an unbalanced way...he had a pain in his eyes. They were swollen. Dr. Kajanoja who examined the two men says: "I think the men have suffered a great shock. The symptoms he (Heinonen) described are like those after being exposed to radioactivity".

How could it be that two up-to-the-minute-details-alike incidents occur on the very same date, exactly ten years apart, experienced by two equally old foresters who were out skiing...? In ufology coincidence plays a part (8), but, frankly, in this case I only think "coincidence" played a part in the head of the man (or men) who invented the story!

Until National Enquirer staff writers Henry Gris & Charles Parmiter have said something on the case I think UFO researchers should put their NE issues into the depths of their waste-paper baskets where they rightly belong and not (as Gordon Creighton in FSR) quote page-upon-page of Henry Gris' obviously unreliable 'data', or (as Lucius Parish in the MUFON UFO Journal) promote, in each issue, the apparently very dubious offerings of the Enquirer. It is apparent that American UFO groups have some financial gain from their co-operation with the Enquirer, but for the sake of sanity in our field this co-operation ought to be stopped immediately. What we need is not a National Enquirer but a Rational Enquirer.

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NYA BÜCKER PÅ VÄG...

Engelsmannen Hilary Evans arbetar på en ny bok, kallad The Entity enigma. Den är ett försök att jämföra de olika humanoid-figurer som folk tror sig se (spöken, hallucinationer, religiösa visioner, UFO-varelser) med de artificiella varelser som skapats av t.ex. spiritister och magiker. Evans' aktuella bok Intrusions - som utkom tidigare i år - är en studie över hur paranormala fenomen betraktats av olika tiders samhällen (se recension i detta nr). En tredje bok av Evans', UFOs - the greatest mystery är, ryktesvis, på väg i en svensk översättning. Evans' säger att det är en populärbok - ett beställningsverk - för 'mannen på gatan' och inte alls den typ av bok Evans' skulle vilja skriva.

Andra utlandskorrespondenter vi har "filar" också på böcker. Fransmannen Jean Sider, som specialiserat sig på historiska UFO-rapporter och fall där UFOs maskerar sig som luftskepp, 'ballonger', 'helikoptrar', 'flygplan' och annat, skriver på en bok om 1897 års luftskepp tillsammans med skeptikern Jean Giraud. Engelsmannen Robert Rickard arbetar på en uppföljare till boken Phenomena - boken har arbetsnamnet Living wonders.

Källor: Korrespondens.

NYA ARKIV/BIBLIOTEK STARTAS

I Italien har man nu påbörjat uppbyggnaden av ett UFO-dokumentärt arkiv och bibliotek som ska 'serva' italienska forskare. "Ett välförsett bibliotek är ett måste för varje seriös forskare", anser man.

I England håller flera arkiv, liknande AFU's, på att byggas upp. Nu senast har ASSAP (en sammanslutning av organisationer som forskar i olika slags paranormala fenomen), beslutat att starta ett specialbibliotek inom ramen för det allmänna biblioteksväsendet. Biblioteket ska vara tillgängligt för vem som helst - hur finansieringen ska gå till vet vi ej. AFU har kontakter med dessa arkiv men tyvärr ej arbetskapacitet att fullfölja utbyten av t.ex. dubbellex. av tidskrifter och böcker, som skulle vara möjligt.

Källor: Korrespondens, UFO News-Flash, June 1982.

EN FRÅGA OM "STIL"

För några år sedan lånade jag ut ett par tidskrifter samt en amerikansk symposie-skrift till en "forskare" i gränsområdet till UFO. Mannen ifråga är numera ordförande i en förening som arbetar med psi-fenomen. Sedan något år gått gjorde jag upprepade påstötningar i form av brev, telefonsamtal och - till slut - faktura på det förkomna (fortfarande obetald). Enligt mannen hade materialet "försvunnit" men innan så blev fallet hade skrifterna använts för att trycka en "piratutgåva" i form av ett häfte som bl.a. såldes på konferenser och i en huvudstadsbokhandel. För att kunna reproducera materialet hade symposie-häftet, enligt mannen egen utsago per telefon, brutits sönder i ryggen. Naturligtvis hade jag inte lämnat tillstånd att "behandla" mitt exemplar på detta sätt! När jag kontaktade upphovsmannen till det reproducerade materialet (en amerikansk ufolog) visade det sig att denne ej gett tillstånd till reproduktion av det digra materialet här i Sverige.

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50 % AV ALLA UFO-VITTNEN "PSYKISKT STÖRDA"?

En österrikisk forskargrupp ledd av Ernst Berger har under en femårsperiod, med statsstöd, gjort psykologiska/psykiatriska på-platsen-studier hos UFO-vittnen. Man har bl.a. underkastat vittnena vanliga psykiatriska standardtest. Det visade sig då att i mer än 50 % av fallen uppträder olika slags psykiska symptom hos vittnet eller dennes familj. Två psykologistuderande vid Wien-universitetet gjorde mycket detaljerade test av 10 slumpvis valda fall. Icke ettenda av de tio vittnena kunde beskrivas som "mentalt stabilt". Tre av fallen uppvisade svåra psykiska symptom. Ju märkligare fall, desto större chans att vittnena uppvisar psykiska sjukdomar/symptom. Som exempel nämner Berger fallet Wanderka. Josef Wanderka skrev bl.a. till svenska UFO-Information och fick sina kontaktupplevelser publicerade där (UFO-Information 6/78, sid 19-20). Wanderka lider av paranoia, säger Berger.

Berger avfyra en salva mot 'ufologerna': "Att vittnet så länge varit en förbisedd faktor i UFO-studierna tycks återspegla många ufologers psykopatologi". (Red.kommentar: Ämnet är outtömligt, men nog har vi känslan av att olika symptom, som av omgivning - och inte minst psykologer/psykiatriker - kan uppfattas som t.ex. paranoia, borde vara en naturlig följd av UFO-upplevelser och den behandling vittnen utsätts för av omgivningen...)

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